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21.0 COMPETITIONS POLICY

21.1 Purpose Ensure Alberta teams and staff attending Provincial Championships or other high level competitions are formed, attend and compete following established rules.

21.2 Applicability Any teams and team staff attending Provincial Championships, Canadian Ringette Championships (CRC), Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRC), Canada Winter Games (CWG), Alberta Winter Games (AWG) and other high level competitions.

21.3 Principles

- 21.3.1 The Technical Manual will be established for each championship.
- 21.3.2 Requirements for championships will be available to participating teams.
- 21.3.3 Teams from Alberta will comply with the requirements specified for each competition.

21.4 Requirements

- 21.4.1 Provincial Playdowns & Championships
 - 21.4.1.1 Technical regulations shall be established in sufficient time prior to the Commitment to Attend deadline.
 - 21.4.1.2 Ringette Alberta’s Provincial Championships will be run according to the Provincial Championship Technical Manual.
 - 21.4.1.3 Only approved teams are eligible to participate in Provincial Playdowns & Championships. Teams who do not have an approved Team Registration by January 31 of the current season are not eligible to compete.
 - 21.4.1.4 Provincials Timelines & Fees
 - 21.4.1.4.1 U19 and younger teams will declare their intention to participate in Provincial Playdowns & Championship by submitting their commitment to attend form and

their Playdowns fee (as specified in Appendix A) by December 15th. Teams without playdowns of any form will submit their Provincial Championships fee (as specified in Appendix A) along with their commitment to attend.

- 21.4.1.4.2 18+ Provincial Playdowns will be conducted by the league and will not be subject to the Provincial Playdowns Fee. Teams must submit their commitment to attend form to Ringette Alberta by December 15.
 - 21.4.1.4.3 Teams qualifying for a Provincial Championship through a playdown process, Playdowns, will be required to pay their Provincial Championship fee no later than 7 days prior to the start of Provincials.
 - 21.4.1.4.4 All teams who have committed to attend must participate in Round 1 of Provincial Playdowns regardless of the outcome of a Ringette Alberta request.
 - 21.4.1.4.5 Teams which are the subjects of an Advance, Retreat, or Overage Player request which has been denied, will have 5 days from notification of the denial to provide Ringette Alberta with written notification of their decision to not continue past Round 1 of Provincial Playdowns.
- 21.4.1.5 Provincials Consequences
- 21.4.1.6.1 If a commitment to attend form is not submitted by the specified deadline above, teams will not be allowed to participate in Provincial Playdowns or Championships.
 - 21.4.1.6.2 Where Ringette Alberta is seeking a team to attend provincials after the date, fee is unchanged.
 - 21.4.1.6.3 A team that withdraws from a Provincial Championship Tournament after submitting its commitment to attend will forfeit their Provincial Championship Entry Fee. Further, Ringette Alberta will levy a \$1000 fine to the member association to which the team belongs due to the

hardship and organizational difficulty
a withdrawal would cause to the
Championship organizers.

21.4.2 Western Canadian Championships (WCRC) & Canadian Ringette Championships (CRC)

21.4.2.1 Western Canadian Ringette Championships will be run according to the WCRC Technical Regulations.

21.4.2.2 Canadian Ringette Championships will be run in accordance to the Ringette Canada CRC Technical Regulations.

21.4.2.3 Teams representing Alberta shall comply with the requirements specified in the Ringette Alberta Team Orientation Package.

21.4.2.4 Timelines and Fees:

21.4.2.4.1 Teams will complete their Commitment to Attend as required by the Western Canadian Ringette Championship Governing Authority or Ringette Canada.

21.4.2.4.2 Ringette Alberta will pay the registration fee for Team Alberta at each division / level, however, other fees may be levied as specified by the Championship host.

21.4.2.4.3 All other qualifying teams will be required to pay the registration fee to Ringette Alberta within seven (7) days of completing Provincial Championships and qualifying to attend. Ringette Alberta will pay the host on behalf of the teams.

21.4.3 Alberta Winter Games (AWG) & Canada Winter Games (CWG)

21.4.3.1 Participants and Teams for these Games comply with the Technical Regulations of the Alberta Sport Connection (AWG) or Canada Games Council (CWG).

21.4.3.2 Alberta Winter Games will follow the Alberta Sport Connection Zone boundaries.

21.4.3.3 All registered Ringette Alberta athletes in the eligible age range will be permitted to attend tryout process for their Zone/Province (fee set by Ringette Alberta prior to tryouts).

21.4.3.4 AWG and CWG teams may be required to pay part of the cost of their participation.

21.5 References

Appendix A - Rates and Fees

Appendix G - Commitment to Attend form

Ringette Alberta Team Orientation Package

21.6 Definitions

Provincial Championships – This term will include, where applicable, both the Provincial Playdowns and the final weekend Provincial Championships.

“Team Alberta”: Teams that finish first at their respective Provincial Championship and are moving onto the WCRC or CRC. In the event that the first place team in Ringette Alberta’s Provincial Championship chooses not to or is unable to attend the WCRC or CRC, Ringette Alberta may designate an alternate team as Team Alberta.